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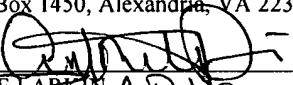
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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 2004/0241400 is a family of WO 03/035409; US 2003/0138609 is a family of JP 2002-19259; JP 11-167010 corresponds to US 6,000,804.

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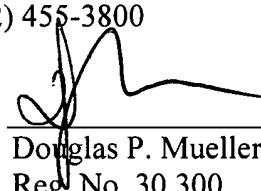
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